

REMARKS

Support for the claims 15 through 32 is found in the specification at the same locations as that for previously submitted claims 1-14. The new claims merely adopt claims 1-14 to U.S. practice to delete multiple claim dependencies. Also support for claim 31 is found in Example 3.

The cited art of references D1 (US 5496881) and D2 (EP 0833862) of the search report are distinguishable over the claims. Reference D1 is concerned with fireproofing compositions, especially of caulking. The D1 reference is silent on the importance of the PVC (pigment volume concentration) which is part of Applicants claims. The D2 reference is primarily concerned with a process for preparing fire-retardant material comprising a particulate inorganic filler which is not a tin compound. The D2 reference does not define polymer compositions and only refers to molding compositions requiring in the case of Example 14, high temperature (170 °C) and pressure (80 x 10³ Pa). Also the PVC of the D2 reference is less than 15% rather than the 75 to 97% of the presently claimed invention. Also the D2 reference does not disclose a halogen-free coating composition.

Substantive examination is earnest solicited for the captioned patent application.

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